Mershon Center for International Security Studies presents a speaker series and workshop on

Diplomatic History

Noon, Friday, October 5, 2007
Erez Manela


Noon, Tuesday, January 8, 2008
Odd Arne Westad
“The Global Cold War”

Odd Arne Westad is Professor of International History at the London School of Economics and Political Science, and one of the world’s leading experts on the Cold War. His books include The Cold War: A History in Documents and Eyewitness Accounts (Oxford, 2003; with Jussi Hanhimäki); Decisive Encounters: The Chinese Civil War, 1945-1950 (Stanford, 2003); and Reviewing the Cold War: Approaches, Interpretations, Theory (Routledge, 2006). He is now co-editing the three-volume Cambridge History of the Cold War. Westad will discuss his most recent book, The Global Cold War: Third World Interventions and the Making of Our Times (Cambridge, 2006), which won the Bancroft Prize from Columbia University.

Noon, Friday, February 8, 2008
Melvyn Leffler
“For the Soul of Mankind: The United States, the Soviet Union, and the Cold War”

Melvyn Leffler is Edward Stettinius Professor of History at the University of Virginia. He is author and editor of many books on U.S. foreign relations, including A Preponderance of Power: National Security, the Truman Administration, and the Cold War (Stanford, 1993), an account of the national security policy of the Truman administration that won the Bancroft Prize. He has also written on U.S.-European relations in the inter-war years and on the policies of the George W. Bush administration. He is now co-editing the three-volume Cambridge History of the Cold War. Leffler will discuss his most recent book, For the Soul of Mankind: The United States, the Soviet Union, and the Cold War (Hill and Wang, 2007).

Noon, Friday, March 28, 2008
Sally Marks
“Reflections on the Balance of Power”

In addition to numerous articles, essays, and chapters on the diplomatic and financial history of the interwar era, Sally Marks is author of The Illusion of Peace: International Relations in Europe, 1918-1933 (Macmillan and Palgrave, 1976; 2nd ed. 2003); Innocent Abroad: Belgium at the Paris Peace Conference of 1919 (North Carolina, 1981) which won the George Louis Beer prize from the American Historical Association and the Phi Alpha Theta award; and The Ebbing of European Ascendancy: An International History of the World, 1914-1945 (Edward Arnold and Oxford, 2002). Marks is presently revisiting the 1919 Paris Peace Conference in the company of Paul Hymans of Belgium, whose biography she is writing.

Lunch will be provided to faculty and students who make a reservation by e-mailing powers.108@osu.edu at least two days before each event.

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